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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:
Rosengaus et al.

Serial No. 09/965,408

Filed: September 25, 2001

For: **SYSTEMS AND METHODS FOR
INSPECTION OF SPECIMEN
SURFACES**

Group Art Unit: 2877
Examiner: Rosenberger, R.

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AMENDMENT: RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED DECEMBER 8, 2003

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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir/Madam:

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action mailed December 8, 2003 to further highlight reasons why the application is in condition for allowance.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 16 of this paper.

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over the cited art for at least the same reasons. Accordingly, removal of the § 103(a) rejections of claims 1-11, 13-41, 81-114, and 116-119 is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

This response constitutes a complete response to the issues raised in the Office Action mailed December 8, 2003. In view of remarks traversing rejections, Applicants assert that pending claims 1-11, 13-41, 81-114, and 116-119 are in condition for allowance. If the Examiner has any questions, comments, or suggestions, the undersigned earnestly requests a telephone conference.

PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Applicants respectfully petition the Commissioner for a one month extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 within which to respond to the Office Action mailed December 8, 2003, such extension allowing the undersigned until April 8, 2004 to respond.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge the required fee or credit any overpayment to Conley, Rose, P.C. Deposit Account No. 03-2769/5589-02701.

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